

8.0 Conclusions



The MDI program was undertaken by the USFHWA to showcase deployments of ITS throughout the United States. The programs were to lay the groundwork for further investment in technology-based transportation solutions and to demonstrate the benefits of intelligent transportation infrastructure to national and local decision-makers as well as the the traveling public.

The TransGuide MDI was an aggressive program that added significant new technology to an already established traffic management system. From this perspective, the TransGuide MDI project was an integration and development project. The project was designed, implemented, integrated, and tested within 18 months. This effort could only be accomplished because of the existing high-quality infrastructure that the TransGuide ATMS provided and because of the strong partner support that exists within San Antonio.

For a true measure of the MDI project, the systems developed and installed must be evaluated over time. Each of the MDI sites has a five-year commitment to the FHWA to support and maintain their MDI program. As the federal evaluators review the costs and benefits of the TransGuide MDI project, it will be demonstrated that the project does indeed improve the way of life for transportation consumers within the greater San Antonio metropolitan area.

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